



STILLMAN INSTITUTE, TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

or two unique things about Stillman Institute. It is supported entirely by money given by Southern men. We have sent out many men who have pulled off their coats and with hammer and saw have led the way in building churches and manses. We have sent missionaries to Africa.

We shall welcome the improved Sunday-school methods contemplated by this Conference with the International Sunday-School Association. We shall welcome their lecturers and instructors. Our boys are already doing missionary work among our neighbors. Our location is surrounded by large plantations, densely tenanted by black people. Our boys go out and conduct Sunday-schools among them. They will be glad to be trained in best methods.

The Teachers are Southern White Men

Another distinctive feature of the Institute is that all the teachers are Southern white men. This regulation we shall never change. We desire to give ourselves to this work. The best things a man has to give are those that pass over to the needy only in personal association. The influence of character can never be "Jim Crowed."

As to the support and enlargement of the Institute, we do not want to be selfish. Untainted Northern money we do not regard as "contraband" in these times of peace.

You may be interested in this high latitude in hearing how I plead for the support of our white people. I try to show them that as a matter of fact we who are sons of slave owners are responsible for the presence of the black man in the South. We as Christians are as responsible for their moral

welfare as we are for any heathen on earth, and far more, for they are literally our neighbors whom we are to love as ourselves.

I tell our people there is no color line around the Cross of Jesus Christ, and he is the daring man who would presume to draw one.

We encounter prejudice and hopelessness. But we are making some progress. Last year we spent \$8,000 on Stillman Institute and as much more on other evangelistic and missionary work among the colored people. We help to support a missionary in the slums of Louisville, Ky., and, as he is here to-day, Rev. John Little, who is the white apostle to the black slums, will speak for himself.

Urge the Formation of Sunday-Schools

We have urged the formation of Sunday-schools in our Southern towns to be taught by the best of our white people. In Tuscaloosa we have such a school. My wife is a teacher, so I know the best people are in it. The superintendent is Gen. Robert D. Johnston, who was a Confederate brigadier.

In conclusion, let me say that this Conference should have some part in a great movement to call the white people of the South to a realization of their responsibility for the moral condition of the colored man.



LISTON HALL, STILLMAN INSTITUTE, TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

The Institute has four substantial buildings. Liston Hall (see picture), built in 1902, contains recitation rooms and twenty sleeping rooms

Sometimes I feel that their prejudices are too deep-seated to be removed. They are inherited prejudices, the kind that are most unreasonable. But our people are always open to appeals to religious obligation. Place this matter on scriptural grounds and we shall win the day.